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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL STARTED YESTERDAY

**Not so Large a Crowd as Was Expected, But Visitors and Deming Citizens are Making Merry**

### MERCHANTS GET GOOD TRADE

**Main Event of Celebration Will be Tonight Around the Municipal Christmas Tree in Square**

The Deming Christmas celebration was started promptly yesterday morning, according to program. Christmas being a strictly home-staying time for families, the number of persons from out of the city is not so great as at other celebrations; but those that have come in from the country and our own citizens are thoroughly enjoying the festivities.

On account of the conditions on the Mexican border, no troops could be spared here, and it was, therefore, necessary to cut out all the military events on the program. But the fine military band of the Thirteenth U. S. Cavalry came in Wednesday and, as always, the days and nights have been filled with music.

Yesterday afternoon the races on Silver avenue came off as planned, and were, of course, greatly enjoyed. Anything in the way of a race strikes the western folks just right.

There were races this morning and there will be sports this afternoon. Tomorrow the program will be:

10 a. m., Pony Race, quarter mile.

Pony Race, 30 yards.

The grand barbecue will be started at 1:30 P. M. at the corner of Gold avenue and Pine street. Everybody is invited. There will be all the meat you want, also bread and coffee thrown in—all you have to furnish is your cup.

2:30 P. M., Ride and Tie Race: Handkerchief Race. Free-for-all quarter mile race for \$100; at 7:30 the Band Concert on Pine street.

May pole dance, and the masked carnival and confetti shower. Everybody come masked and have all the fun you can catch onto.

MUNICIPAL XMAS TREE

The crowning feature of the Christmas festivities will be the big Municipal Christmas tree at the corner of Pine street and Gold avenue. The tree has been filled with colored electric lights by the Deming Ice & Electric company, and presents a beautiful appearance. The committee of the several churches having charge, assisted by a committee of ladies, are busy today decorating the tree and loading it with Christmas offerings and if any child is overlooked or forgotten it will not be the fault of the committee.

Promptly at 6:30 the 13th U. S. Cavalry Band will begin playing musical selections appropriate to the occasion. Then will follow the singing of odes and carols by the children and short addresses on the origin of Christmas and its teachings, when the program is completed will come the distribution of gifts to the little folks. It is hoped that Santa Claus will be present to attend to this matter, but if not, he will be represented. Everybody come to the Christmas tree and be sure to bring the children, for this is the one event of the festivities for them.

#### Deming Schools Close

The Deming public schools closed for their holidays Wednesday afternoon. The different grades have practically covered the work of the first term which closes Jan. 21. When the tests are held it is believed by those that have watched the progress being made that great efficiency will be shown.

The schools will reopen Jan. 3.

Harry S. Hyatt and Miss Lu Coryell were married Tuesday at Hillsboro. The newlyweds are spending their honeymoon in Deming. Mrs. Hyatt has been living in the city for a few months, coming here from Morenci, Ariz. Mr. Hyatt is very well known in this section.

Quality—quality in every piece of candy sold at Rossers.

The best is none too good in candies for the kiddies. Buy at Rossers.

#### Poor John!

J. T. Kelly's friends may be sorry to hear that he started for the insane Asylum, at Las Vegas, Monday evening. The deputy sheriff insists that he is perfectly sane, himself, and stated that he was conducting two insane men to the institution. William Boyd McCallum of Hatchet and Bob Guile, of Columbus, being the unfortunate victims; but members of the "Tartles" insist that they were three of a kind, speaking in Poker Pool terms.

J. B. Hart of Silver City, who has been out on a prospecting trip, returned to Deming Tuesday.

T. H. Warren, deputy federal license inspector, with headquarters in Denver, is recuperating in the city until after the holidays.

Miss Rosina Patterson of Ashville, N. C., daughter of Mrs. J. J. Clark arrived in the city this week and has made her home at the Carson hotel.

C. L. Jenken of Phoenix, Ariz., arrived in Deming Tuesday and is looking over the city with a view to locating here.

E. L. Smith, a healthseeker of Miami, Florida, arrived in the city this week and will receive treatment at the Cottage Sanitarium.

### ROYAL JOHN MINE TURNING OUT LARGE QUANTITIES OF ZINC ORE

**Local Institution is Busy Developing its Property: American Smelter Company, an Allied Concern, Now Engaged in Making of Smelter**

There was a meeting of the Royal John directors at the office of the company here Monday of last week. There were present W. C. Mason, president, of Pasadena, Calif.; F. W. Johnson, director, of Los Angeles, Calif.; C. E. Kelly, treasurer, of Los Angeles, Calif.; George E. Cox, vice-president; A. L. Owen, superintendent, Santa Rita; D. S. Rogers, secretary; and John Owen, stockholder, Santa Rita.

A thorough review of the work of the past six months was made and the affairs of the company found to be in most satisfactory shape.

About \$22,000 has been expended to date on the property and ore body developed is almost beyond comprehension. The money has been spent largely on developing the mine, installing different milling processes, and the construction of a good road from the mine to the Minibear river.

The work of installing some of the machinery has been delayed to some extent on account of the lack of a road to the mine; but the road now under construction will be completed in thirty days when all needed will be put in place.

The great quantity of ore has never been questioned, and it becomes more and more evident as development proceeds. There are in actual sight now hundreds of thousands of tons of high grade lead, zinc, and silver ore with about a hundred thousand tons already mined. The prospects are even better than the company organizers at first anticipated. The members of the company are showing their confidence in the property by refusing to place a single share of stock on the market.

The directors appointed Mr. Cox, who is a competent mining engineer and will man to take charge of the mill with full power to purchase and install such machinery as he deems necessary. The appointment was made in order to relieve Mr. Owen for other phases of work demanding his attention.

The zinc smelter recently constructed at Pittsburg, Kas., by the American Smelter Company began melting of carbonate ores on Dec. 15. This company was organized four months ago and began the immediate construction of a modern 1-block Belgian plant that will reduce 650 tons of ore a month; but the company intends to construct another 4-block addition as soon as the present unit is running smoothly. It will then handle 1,300 tons of ore a month. The company will be ready for sulphide ores as soon as

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## CHRISTMAS CAROL

FREDERICK R. MERES



### Community Christmas Program

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| 1. MUSIC                                                                            |  |
| Instrumental—"Holy, Holy, Holy"                                                     |  |
| "Lead Kindly Light"                                                                 |  |
| "Nearer My God to Thee"                                                             |  |
| 2. CAROL—"Joy to the World"                                                         |  |
| 3. CAROL—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"                                             |  |
| 4. PRAYER—"The Lord's Prayer"                                                       |  |
| 5. CAROL—"O! Come All ye Faithful"                                                  |  |
| 6. SCRIPTURE—Luke's Evangel. (I, 1-20)                                              |  |
| 7. CAROL—"The First Noel"                                                           |  |
| 8. READING—"The Other Wiseman"                                                      |  |
| 9. CAROL—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"                                            |  |
| 10. GREETING—"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men" |  |
| "Gloria a Dios en las alturas, en la tierra paz, y los hombres buena voluntad"      |  |
| 11. CAROL—"Silent Night, Holy Night"                                                |  |
| 12. PRESENTATION OF TREE                                                            |  |
| 13. SOLO—"Nazareth"                                                                 |  |
| 14. DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS                                                           |  |

BAND CONCERT—6:30 to 7, P. M. Christmas Eve.

LET EVERYBODY JOIN IN SINGING THESE OLD FAMILIAR TUNES  
IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE WORDS YOU WILL FIND THEM  
ON THE FOLDER FURNISHED BY THE COMMITTEE.

#### Knights Templar Attention!

All Knights Templar will assemble at their Asylum promptly at 9:30 tomorrow morning to take part in the Templar Christmas observance, don't be late.

H. G. Bush made a trip to El Paso Saturday.

#### Miss Hiler Entertains

Miss Alice Hiler entertained with a pickle supper for her sister, Miss Ada Hiler, who is down from Cliff for the holidays. Those present were: The Misses Olive Whitehill, Margaret Nilbar, and Frances Hall, the latter from Texas.

#### J. E. Curren is Dead

The following special dispatch, dated at Clovis, Dec. 19, will be of interest to the old timers of Deming:

"James E. Curren, political editor of the Clovis News, and one of the pioneer newspapermen of the Southwest, died here last night of pneumonia. He was 60 years old."

"Mr. Curren was the founder of the Deming Headlight, one of the oldest papers in this part of the state, and has been in the newspaper business in Farmington and other cities of the state for the past thirty years. He was closely in touch with the political pulse of the state, and was considered one of the ablest editors in New Mexico."

"Mr. Curren was one of the first settlers in Deming, coming here in 1882, just after the founding of the town. He was the original owner and editor of the Deming Headlight, and published that paper here until 1885, when he sold the property to a man named Lowrie. Mr. Curren was popular as an editor and citizen, and the news of his death will sadden all that knew him."

J. G. Love of the Santa Fe railroad will spend a month a Silver City to relieve the cashier of the Santa Fe at that point. Accompanied by Mrs. Love, he started Saturday morning.

F. N. Currier of Santa Rita was a week-end visitor in the city.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTION CAUSED NO EXCITEMENT TUESDAY

**New Board Headed by J. A. Mahoney Were Unanimously Chosen: The New Board to Launch Campaign as Soon as Plans Can be Made**

The following were elected officers and directors of the Deming Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening: J. A. Mahoney, president; A. A. Tenke, treasurer; Arthur Riebel, Carl Peugh, Morris Nordhaas, E. P. Vandigham, J. G. Cooper, Dr. S. D. Swope, and N. A. Belich.

Those elected were the only ones that were nominated. The board will select a new secretary to take the place of W. E. Holt, resigned. Miss Nettie Perkins will continue as the stenographer.

The activities of the chamber of commerce were somewhat circumscribed last year in an effort on the part of the retiring board to lift the load of debt under which the organization has been struggling owing to the large expenditures of former administrations. In this the retiring board was successful. This will make it possible for the new board to launch out in a new effort to build up the community.

#### Bachelor Dinner

A bachelor's dinner, with a home-cooked turkey as the piece de resistance, was served in great style at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of Dr. R. C. Hoffman on Silver avenue. The bachelor hosts were Dr. Hoffman, A. W. Brooks, Ralph Baker, Roy Lester, and David Hoffman. Besides the turkey the menu included everything in the way of "trimmings" served à la mode. The bachelors' guests were the Misses Faye McKeyes, Margaret Randolph, and Isabele Sevier, and Adjutant General Harry T. Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Matthews, of Winslow, Ariz., will spend the holidays in Deming visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hubbard and the visitors will be guests at the Matthews home on Christmas.

Walter Wilkinson, Jr. left the city Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents at Santa Rita.

J. L. Feeney of Silver City, who returned from an extended visit in the east this week, was met in Deming by Mrs. Feeney and their daughter.

T. S. Guthrey of San Diego, Calif., stopped over in the city Tuesday enroute to Kansas City, Mo.

J. C. Wettsfall and W. D. Howard, and Mrs. Tom Cox, all of Honolulu, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor are here from Hurley to spend the holidays.

### FRENCH MAKE GAIN IN THE VOSGES FIGHTING

**Germans Admit Taking of Hartmans Weierkopf, But Assert They Retook the Point Quickly**

#### LOST 112,921 IN DARDANELLES

**British Failure to Open Straits Was Costly: Russian Force Now is Menacing Bulgarian Port**

The Japanese liner Yasaka Maru was sunk by a submarine. All the passengers were saved.

The Dardanelles expedition, which was abandoned, cost the British almost 113,000 men, these being the official figures of casualties up to Dec. 11.

Petrograd advises contradicts the report of the landing of Russian troops at Varna, on the Bulgaria Black sea coast.

The much disputed summit of the Hartmans Weierkopf in the Vosges is again in German hands, according to Berlin. The French war office does not concede this, however, and maintains that other important gains have been made with the capture of 1,200 prisoners.

Lloyd Bain of Columbus was in the city Tuesday.

Earl Fowler and Joe Fowler of Waterloo arrived in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt and John Coffelt of Cooks were in the city Tuesday.

Herb Fielder and family of Santa Rita arrived in Deming Tuesday.

Kelly Phillips and wife of Lamark arrived in the city Tuesday to spend the holidays.

T. B. Templeton came to Deming from his ranch Tuesday.

Nathan J. S. Price, publisher of Atlantic City Daily Press, and Atlantic City Evening Union, was in the city Tuesday enroute to Silver City.

R. S. Herndon of the GOS ranch checked in at the Park garage Tuesday and checked out Wednesday for El Paso.

Miss Bertha Ballin left the city Tuesday for Riverside, Calif., where she will reside.

Theodore Shanefelt of Hermancas was in the city on business several days this week.

Mrs. Virginia Stern, who visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Master, returned to her home in Los Angeles Friday night.

J. W. Betts of Silver City was in the city Tuesday enroute to El Paso on business.

H. G. Bush left the city early in the week for California points.

Mrs. C. M. Long of Montrose, Colo., stopped over in the city Wednesday enroute to Willecox, Ariz.

#### Deming Wins Basketball Game

The basketball game between the Silver City high school team and the Deming high school team resulted in a score of 46 to 13 in favor of the local players. Although the score would seem to indicate a walkaway, the visitors outplayed the Deming players the first half of the game. The locals came back the second half, however, with a determination that broke down Silver City's stiff defense. The game was fast and snappy from the beginning. Referee Gates Vickers was capable, allowing no room for disputes.